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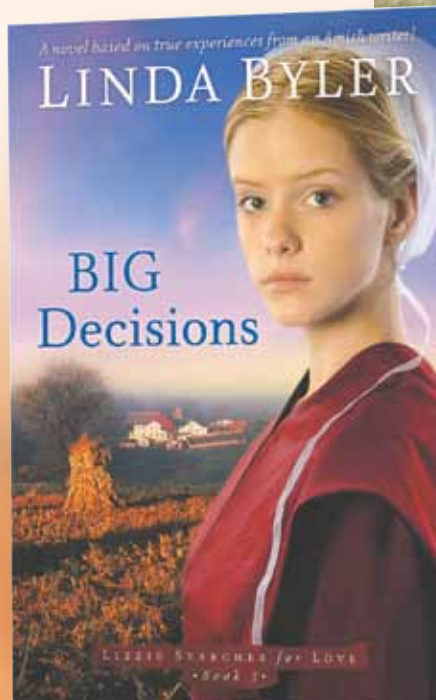
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Jakey's Amish Barbeque

Contemporary American, Mediterranean Influenced, Locally Inspired, And, One Of The Very Best: **Gibraltar Restaurant**

by Clinton Martin

When the staff of Amish Country News has reason to celebrate, we nearly always head to Gibraltar Restaurant. Actually, so does most of Lancaster. After countless wonderful meals around the white-linen draped tables with the signature aqua blue glassware, we're finally sharing our passion for this culinary gem with our readers.

While we feel qualified as an authority on the delicious offerings at Gibraltar, truly the real connoisseur of goings-on in the kitchen is, of course, the chef. I had the opportunity to take Chef Carl Vitale away from his stove and staff for a few minutes to discuss a topic we both adore – food done well!

Chef Carl has a team of 12 men and women working with him, and while they all lend an important part to the dishes that make their way to eager patrons, ultimately it is Chef that owns the menu. It can be quite a challenging task, as he explained the menu changes daily. Curious if you can find first-rate seafood in a landlocked city, in a land-locked County? Absolutely! Gibraltar is especially known for its broad range of creative seafood dishes from fresh seafood delivered daily, sourced from the docks in nearby Baltimore and Philadelphia.

While the array of fresh seafood items is vast, the availability changes by day. Rather than a frustration, the unknown is a source of pleasure for Chef. Obviously a creative person in all aspects of his life, and a chef at the same time, producing the same menu day in and day out would never fulfill his passions; and neither, I would surmise, would it make Gibraltar-goers very happy either!

There are a few menu items that aren't likely to change, however, as regulars probably wouldn't stand for it. Those that top the list of untouchables include the delicate fish chowder, long a Chef standard and the outstanding tuna tartare, a dish that must be put to taste buds to fully appreciate. Lastly, the butternut squash ravioli is an annual fall tradition which customers eagerly await, much like the coming of Christmas morning.



I asked Chef how he comes to woo and retain so many regular customers from Philadelphia to Baltimore, to which the impressive Zagat (96% approval), Yelp, and TripAdvisor ratings bear testament. He admits that he probably “spoils” his regulars, often greeting them with a complimentary taste of off-menu specialties. He tells me that a little bite of this or that from the kitchen serves to retain and reward customers for their loyalty, and is an extra he loves doing.

I asked him if he ever prepares tasting menus, something that we at Amish Country News haven't ever experienced at Gibraltar. It was funny I should ask, he remarked, as he went to detail how the tasting menu experience has grown in popularity. In fact, it is now always available at Gibraltar by request.

When diners request the tasting menu, Carl himself will come and meet with the table. The question-and-answer session might take all of five minutes; but Carl thus has learned the customers' likes, dislikes, dietary needs, etc. He then crafts a grand flight of various small plates, up to eight or nine mini-courses.

He described in great detail how he starts with a light course, perhaps fresh oysters with a glass of bubbly champagne. He then walked me through course after course, culminating in a crescendo of bold flavor with the final plate, such as a prime sliced New York strip steak paired with a full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon. Although we were just talking about the menu, I felt as if I had just finished a fine meal just listening to Chef describe it.

I had to ask him about his extensive wine list. How does he select what makes the printed page? He explained that he has a small cadre of wine merchants, a sort of grape clearinghouse through which his wine list is populated. These purveyors visit him twice a week with samples of recommended vintages.

From these twice-weekly tastings (how envious I am!) he picks and selects what ends up in the cellar. He chooses wines both for the purpose of drinking but also for cooking. In fact, he is currently working on perfecting a braised ox-tail entrée which calls for the use of an “interesting” pinot gris. He hasn't yet found the right pinot gris, and his suppliers continue on the hunt for him.

He is confident that the ox-tail will appear on the menu within a week or two, by which time he'll be working on the next Gibraltar favorite. I am sure I'll be able to find a reason Amish Country News needs to celebrate something important within the next few weeks, so that ox-tail will soon be mine.

Truth be told, I personally haven't ever tried anything other than seafood at Gibraltar, since I simply haven't been able to deprive my taste buds of the extreme satisfaction that was assuredly theirs when my seafood dish would arrive. Allow me to describe my most recent meal at Gibraltar.

The first “course,” in this case a small splash of fine scotch to sip while I perused the menu, was the painstakingly aged Laphroaig 25-year-old matured scotch. The taste was assertively

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strawberries. It is light, crisp and the perfect pint of true refreshment. Strawberry wheat is a "must try" for fruit and beer lovers alike.

Rounding out the yearly brews is their Hop Hog. This formidable India Pale Ale has a hop aroma that demands attention. The bold, citrus hop flavor is balanced by a dry malt character that makes this refreshing ale a true classic. All four of their

Special to Amish Country News

year round beers are available in cases, kegs and variety packs.

Lancaster Brewing Company is always brewing up something new and special. Stop in for dinner and a tour of the brewery seven days a week! Call 717-391-6258 for directions and reservations. 

The Lancaster Brewing Company brews its beer in the heart of Lancaster City, Pennsylvania, with great respect for the old traditions of brewing. Lancaster can be credited with having produced more beer than any other American city of similar size in the last century. Until only recently, most of Lancaster's beer and breweries had disappeared, with the exception of only a few. Today, the Lancaster Brewing Company on the corner of Plum and Walnut streets is one of the breweries leading the way in bringing great beer back to Lancaster City, reviving once again the great Lancaster beer brewing tradition. Master brewer Bill Moore has a strong commitment to quality and uses advanced brewing techniques to produce a consistent and high quality beer. Patrons can savor the hopped aromas as they come alive and accentuate the wholesome malt flavors in ales and lagers at the brewery's new non-smoking facility.

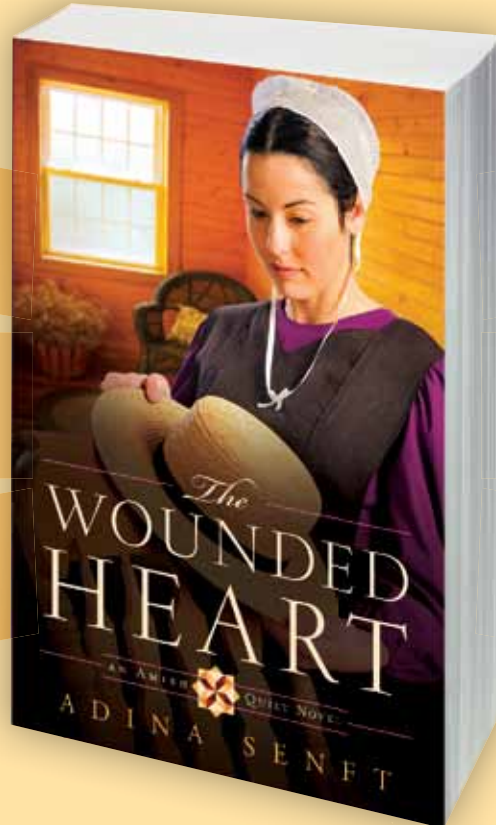
Lancaster Brewing Company is not just about fine ales and lagers, as they have a thriving restaurant on site that plates great tastes alongside the frothy mugs of beer. In fact, their annual homage to Oktoberfest celebrations is going on right now, through the end of October. Visit Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays for German food specials, and of course a pint of Oktoberfest style lager!

In addition to seasonal brews, LBC continues to brew four year-round favorites; Amish Four Grain, Milk Stout, Strawberry Wheat and Hop Hog. Amish Four Grain is a multi-grain pale ale which summons the sweetness of oats, the complexity of rye and the smoothness of malted wheat, and is balanced by a generous dry hopping of imported, noble Saaz hops.

Milk Stout is one of the few surviving examples of the traditional English Sweet Stout. It is a dark ale bursting with roasted barley dryness, mellowed by addition of non-fermentable lactose sugar, providing a minimal sweetness.

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smoky. The burst of peat that filled my mouth almost instantaneously became sweet sherry-like flavor. In short, handle with care!

The second course clearly called for something savory yet dainty. I found the right choice in the appetizer portion of branzino. This soft, clearly marine-tasting, bite-sized fish is sometimes known as European sea bass, but I quickly dubbed it delicious after cleansing my palate with the glass of Chardonnay that accompanied my meal. The texture was so tender, my fork slid through the flesh with ease, and the taste brought me straight out of Lancaster, walking along the shores of the Mediterranean somewhere in Italy.

For my third and main course, I enjoyed seared diver scallops. They were expertly



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prepared, and were happily accompanied with a goat cheese flan with sweet corn, and grilled asparagus. Not to overshadow the delicious scallops, but the grilled asparagus was equally memorable. I polished off the tender green stalks quickly, wishing there were more!

For a fine end to a fine meal, I chose a dessert of hot, rich cappuccino, and a cool citrusy dish of gelato. The gelato arrived in front of me as four differently colored, spoon-sized creamy spheres. I enjoyed each in succession, ending with a wallop of grapefruit. The grapefruit was unexpected, and I probably wouldn't have chosen it off a menu – however, it was just the kind of surprising taste that I enjoy. I then sat for a long time slowly letting the cappuccino soak into my palate.

You should now be ready to make your reservations at Gibraltar, You really do owe it to yourself. I'll gladly meet you there. Call 717-397-2790 and ask for a table by the window (just don't take mine). 🐾

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From A to Z . . . A Dictionary



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by Brad Igou

A *mish Country is known for its foods, good old home-cooking done the PA Dutch way. But savvy visitors and locals know there is a lot more to Amish Country than dried corn and whoopie pies. I'm a life-long local and some of my favorite foods are Chinese, Italian, Greek, and Japanese. Recently, I even enjoyed some fabulous Egyptian food at a local church bazaar. You'll find plenty of articles, reviews, and recipes in our Annual Dining Issue, but I wanted to have some fun and offer a "dictionary" of foods and words we use when think food in Amish Country, from A to Z....*

A is for Apples

With the Kauffman family orchards and market nearby my office, I have a constant reminder of all the wonderful varieties and uses of the fruit that did poor Adam in. Kauffman's pressed apple cider is the best, hands down. Also, here you'll find apples for use in everyday cooking for everything from apple dumplings to apple butter, and my mother's homemade apple sauce...topped with cinnamon, of course!

B is for Beer

Lancaster was once known for its many breweries, and today locally "crafted beers" are making a comeback. The area boasts both commercial and small scale brewers. For me, I enjoy some of the creative libations on the menus of those that have restaurants attached. The newest addition is the classy "Rumspringa" Brewing Company where grapes and grains come together at the Mount Hope Wine Gallery on Route 340 just west of Intercourse.

C is for Corn

While most of the field corn visitors see is for the cows, no one serves up delicious sweet corn and derivative dishes better than the PA Dutch. Fire companies freeze summer corn for their fund-raiser dinners. Corn fritters and dried corn are readily enjoyed at many of our restaurants.

D is for Donuts

I know that donuts are not unique to us, but we serve up loads of interesting varieties. We even have a special day (Shrove Tuesday) during Lent when our churches make thousands of "Fastnachts", the donut we are nationally known for. And I am going to cheat and include sticky buns, shoofly pie, and our other amazing baked goodies under this entry.

E is for Empanadas

Our diverse cultures make for some special treats and you either know this Latino specialty or you don't. If you are Hispanic, have traveled south of the border, or have some Puerto Rican friends, you probably do. I won't give away the name of the Puerto Rican Bakery I love on Prince Street downtown because I want there to be a few left over for me tomorrow.

F is for Family-Style

It really is what we are most famous for... sitting at the table, with platters of food being passed around, lots of chatter and fun, and trying to save room for four or five desserts. If you want even more, try one of our legendary smorgasbords.

G is for Gourmet

Over the last few years we have seen more and more fine restaurants take flight locally, some

with Zagat ratings. You'll find these culinary havens not only in downtown Lancaster, like the wonderful Gibraltar, but "far flung" as well. So be sure to explore, as some of our smallest towns and villages have great dining destinations.

H is for Homemade Chicken Corn Soup

Almost every region of the United States has its own chicken dish. We claim chicken corn soup. Chunks of chicken, our home-grown corn, and homemade noodles...a meal unto itself. Be smart, plan a visit around the Ronks Fire Company's annual Chicken Corn Soup Dinner!

I is for Ice Cream

With all these cows, you just know we are into ice cream. Big operations, homemade varieties, even authentic Italian ice makers. Give me a scoop of vanilla for my Amish-made root beer float.

J is for Jams and Jellies

C'mon, you saw this one coming a mile away. Canning sweet spreads for breads is practically in our DNA, with everything from boysenberry to strawberry. Stroll the streets of Intercourse for some of the best!

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K is for Kosher

Did you know that at least one of our large dairies has a live-in rabbi to assure that the ice cream, milk, and eggs are Kosher. And a friend of ours even caters Kosher meals to many of the student groups that tour Amish Country.

L is for Local

It's a major trend at restaurants nationally, and for many moms --- serving vegetables and fruits grown locally. In Amish Country, it doesn't get any more local, whether its ears of corn, fresh strawberries, or your own meadow tea. Some of our restaurants change their menus weekly based on the freshest available...

M is for Market

This is where you go to rub shoulders with the farmers, butchers, bakers and, often the candlestick makers. Our Central Market in downtown Lancaster is an historic landmark. Get up early. You'll find everything from whoopie pies to Greek pastries to Caribbean and African foods. Fabulous!

N is for Noodles

We're not just talking about our famous handmade noodles used in soups and chicken pot pie. We're also talking made-from-scratch Italian pastas and traditional German noodle dishes.

O is for Oysters

OK, I'm not into them, but it was my way to remind you that we aren't really far from the oceans and bays, particularly those of Philadelphia and Baltimore. But, you can stay local for great seafood restaurants.

P is for Pork & Sauerkraut

Time to get down to our Germanic roots. Popular at fire hall dinners and a MUST on New Year's Day. Don't know why, but, it's tradition.

Q is for Quince

One of those unusual jams you'll find around here. Who needs grape and orange marmalade?

R is for Root Beer

You'll see the signs along the road. While the bottled variation Birch Beer is OK, I really prefer it homemade. Amish are really into making it. So was my mother until that day the jars exploded on the back porch!

S is for Sausage

Meats of all kinds are central to traditional PA Dutch cooking, and sausage is a favorite, be it spicy, smoked, or sweet. It's on the platters at most family-style restaurants, and you just might find some great sausage sandwiches, too.

T is for Twisted Pretzels

OK, it was the only way I could get pretzels in since the "P" is long gone. Whether soft or hard, flavored or plain, we rock the pretzel world, be it varieties, shapes, or sizes. Now I would like to cheat again and throw in potato chips and our many other snack foods. Check the package of your favorites - chances are they were made right here.

U is for Unpasteurized Milk

It's quite a controversy right now, with some farmers and consumers getting in trouble over it. It was also my only alternative to Upside Down Cake, not very Dutchy...

V is for Vegetables

We really are blessed by a bounty of fresh vegetables over the course of the year. Not only part of our everyday meals, but to be found in many preserved forms, from pickles to chow chow. Intercourse Canning Company is a great place to stock up.

W is for Wine

Pennsylvania, and particularly Dutch County, has an especially large number of small wineries. Try to visit as many as you can, and, a designated driver is never a bad thing.

X is for Extra Room

When we say this, we aren't talking about lodging. We mean we have eaten so much that there is no more "room," and we wish we had a little "extra".

Y is for Yogurt

I enter this "Y" because there are some really fine Indian restaurants around, and I am partial to their unusual yogurt, curries, etc. Not just another "meat and potatoes" guy am I!

Z is for Zook's

I must give a special shout out to Zook's Amish-made Homemade Chicken Pies...delicious, tender meat in a flaky crust...a meal unto itself right out of the freezer. And, don't pass up their beef pies.

Hope you enjoyed my alphabet soup of Amish Country dining. Have your own favorites? Jot me a note at Editor@AmishNews.com. Maybe yours will make the next Annual Dining Guide.



Amish root beer and tomatoes at a local road-side stand



Chefs at Iron Horse Inn use fresh local ingredients



Apples taste so much better when kissed with the caramel sauce of the Intercourse Canning Co.

A Match Made In Paradise

by Clinton Martin

The Revere Tavern in the Amish Country village of Paradise is the perfect place for a date night. But, the matchmaking skills of this storied old upscale eatery go much farther than “boy meets girl.”

These restaurant folks also know how to bring a bite and a drink together in heavenly harmony. As your humble culinary servant, I decided to pick up spoon and pen to review one of Revere's best dishes..

As we all know, when dining at a fine restaurant, the experience begins well before the first course arrives. Ambience in all respects is a very important part of the meal, and the Revere welcomes you like a gracious innkeeper host would friends for an evening meal. Actually, they do so not out of pretense, for they actually do have an inn. But, I digress. The decor is clearly colonial, true to the roots of this historic tavern. The vivid blues amidst hardwood floors, exposed beams, and stone walls harken back to the time when stagecoaches brought travelers west through the “wilds” of Lancaster County.

When I sat down at the bar, I was pleased to hear the chair that I lounged in give a soft,



weathered creak, the kind of sound that wood makes when it has been trod on for hundreds of years, or in this case, sat upon. I placed my elbows on the bar, knowing that it had probably hosted thousands and thousands of travelers, maybe some famous (PA's claim to Presidential fame, James Buchanan is rumored to have been here many times) and maybe some nefarious (horse thieves were prevalent in the area).

Did I need a menu? Why, no. I had already received one dish suggestion over and over again by those in the know. The Snapper Turtle Soup. I must admit, it was probably just as well

that I didn't see a menu, because I would have likely chickened out, and ordered something less adventurous – like chicken! But, I ordered with confidence. "A bowl of today's snapper soup, please".

I then laid down the gauntlet to the bartender – a young lady named Yadira. I charged her with choosing a drink that would pair well with the snapper soup. She pondered, calculating just which beverage to put alongside their signature dish. After a moment, she drew a glass from behind the bar and, confidently and expertly

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Cider Pressin' Time at Kauffman's Fruit Farm

by Clinton Martin

The passing of the seasons can be marked by flipping the page on a calendar, but where is the fun in that? Seasons should be announced with excitement, and in the case of autumn, the fanfare can be delicious!

It is cider-pressing time, a sure sign that leaves will soon change, the air will cool, and the fall harvest is well under way. Lonnie Kauffman of Kauffman's Fruit Farm allowed me to step behind the scenes to witness this "gala" (think apples to appreciate the quotation marks) event.

Tony, one of the cider managers, was my tour guide, leading me from the loading dock, through the bottling line, into the pasteurization room, onto the pressing floor and finally into the cooling room. I had followed the entire route of the apples from fruit to beverage - in reverse. The process was fascinating to observe as I learned how, to retain freshness (perhaps the key to the Kauffman Cider edge) the apples are brought into the cooling room immediately after being picked.

The Kauffmans may have one of the largest cider presses in the region, but they are first and foremost a fruit orchard, producing many different varieties of apples, pears, peaches and other fruits. So, the apples I saw sitting in the rustic wooden crates had been hand-picked within walking distance of the very spot they now rested - at a cool 33 degrees.

I could have stayed in the cooling room longer to hear the full story of how the Kauffman family chooses just the right blend of many types of apples to create their one-of-a-kind cider, but the 33 degrees were not quite as comfortable for me as they were for the apples!

We moved into the pressing room, which was humming along with state-of-the-art equipment combined with good old-fashioned hard work. The apples are still pressed in much the same way they were hundreds of years ago. Layer after layer of ground up apples are placed between sheathes of burlap, their juices slowly, forcefully, squeezed out.

The three-man team I watched just happened to have high-tech washers, grinders, and presses at their disposal. Of course, in the end, elbow grease to mash in the layers of apples was unavoidable. A device akin to a canoe paddle sufficed for this purpose.

I stood well clear as the powerful hydraulic cylinder pulled the layers of apples into a slow, impressive hold. The beautiful brownish cider dripped and drizzled into a bin, which then fed into cooling tanks.

I chuckled to myself as I noticed the cooling tanks were none other than the exact models I often see in use at dairy farms. It seems the tanks cool apple cider as effectively as milk! After walking through the bottling line and seeing the arrested

animation one step away from a flurry of labels, bottles, and boxes, I learned of yet another interesting connection to the area's dairy farmers.

The "spent" apple pulp, the flesh of the apples left over after the cider has been pressed out, is actually carted away and sold to local dairy farmers as feed. The apple pulp is a highly nutritious dietary supplement for many a dairy cow in Amish Country. It is actually quite a treat for them, and I could imagine their tails wagging like puppy dogs when the apple pulp truck comes ambling down the lane.

But, the treat that most look forward to when they see the Kauffman's Fruit Farm cider truck is the singularly unique taste of Kauffman's Cider in their glass. People buy it by the pint, half gallon



and gallon. Whatever your cider fantasy, you can full-fill it with a visit to Kauffman's Fruit Farm & Market on RT 340 between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. The market is open every day except Sunday. Call 717-768-7112 for hours. 

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Amish Visit-in-Person Tours

An Official Heritage Tour

by Brad Igou

Lancaster County, through its Planning Commission, administers a nationally acclaimed heritage program designating sites and artisans as authentic representations of aspects of local culture. Designation is through a rigorous process that includes interpretive and authenticity requirements, as well as being "visitor ready."

In 2010, the first and, thus far, the only tour to have received this prestigious designation is the Amish Visit-In-Person Tour, offered by Amish Country Tours. The "Amish V.I.P. Tour" provides an intimate, interactive experience directly with the Amish. Introduced experimentally in 2008 and greeted enthusiastically by everyone, the tour offering has been expanded so that more visitors might take advantage of this very special experience.

Limited to 14 people to assure a personal encounter, the tour continues to highlight three aspects of Amish life --- on the farm, at work, and at home --- all within the span of three hours. The VIP Tour is unlike the regular farmlands tour which provides a basic overview of Amish life on a countryside excursion lasting 1 ½ hours. Rather, the VIP Tour allows for the close personal interaction with the Amish that many visitors seek, but few actually realize.

The first stop is at an Amish farm at milking time where an Amish dairyman explains how cows are milked and milk chilled in a bulk tank, all without electricity. Details of the daily chores involved with farming Amish-style are also shared.

The second stop highlights an Amish "cottage industry." A different "industry" is featured each evening, including an Amish gourd producer and decorator whose business grew from a source of supplementary income to a full-time vocation. Other stops might be an Amish carpet-weaver, a blacksmith, a soap maker who welcomes you into her kitchen where she demonstrates soap making in various scents and creative designs, a family that makes hand-woven baskets, and a couple that operate both a woodshop and a deer farm.

The third VIP stop is the simplest, and often the most meaningful. For the Amish, to "visit" is simply to sit and chat for a while in someone's home. Guests enter somewhat reluctantly and, while conversation with strangers may be hesitant at first, by the end of the evening it is often difficult to pull guests and hosts apart. I'm told that some visitors have become friends with their Amish hosts, exchanging Christmas cards and letters.

The difference between the VIP Tour and others out there is that the tour is not about re-creating another culture, visiting a replica Amish farm, or having people dress up and impersonate characters. It's meeting real people, one-on-one, where they live and work. For the Amish, simplicity is often the key. And this tour is simply about people getting to know each other. The stunning scenery seen along the way is ever-so-sweet icing on the cake.

The Amish VIP Tours run Monday-Friday through October with departures at 5:00 pm from the Amish Experience Theater at Plain & Fancy Farm, Route 340, between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. The tour duration is approximately three hours. The price is \$47.95 per person.



An Amish gourd farm is one of the most fascinating stops on the Visit-in-Person Tour.

As tours are extremely limited and most often sell out, I suggest purchasing advance tickets by calling (717) 768-8400, ext. 210, online at www.AmishExperience.com or in person at the Amish Experience Theater. 

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Revere Tavern (Cont'd From Page 10)

holding it under a tap, poured a brew I would never have ordered on my own, a Strawberry Wheat beer from the Lancaster Brewing Company.

The soup arrived in a quaint pewter crock with a heavy spade-like spoon. I could tell the soup was going to be hearty by the look of the sublimely thick gravy-like broth. I filled the spoon and took a sip which was almost more like a bite. I instantly was a recipient of a mouthful of the meaty snapping turtle, wholly unlike anything I'd ever tasted. The texture was especially new to me. It was tender, divided into small pieces that dissolved away almost immediately on the tongue. It was as much fun to eat it as it was delicious. I would take a bite, and hold it on my palate both feeling and tasting the flavors melt together. There were thin slivers of carrots throughout the stew, which added a nice earthy dimension, but the hero

was clearly the meat, and the soupy gravy surrounding it.

Yet, there was one variable that was up to me to administer. The little glass bottle of sherry. The dash of sherry is traditionally done tableside by the diner, tilting the bottle to crock to taste. I gave the soup a quick dash, and stirred in the rose-water colored liquid. It made for a great condiment to the turtle. With hotdogs go mustard. With turtles, sherry.

I turned my tasting back to the beer, washing away the turtle flavors from my palate with a strong gulp. Yes, the Strawberry Wheat beer did taste of strawberries, but only at the finish. It was delicate yet able to stand up to the hearty stew.

I polished off the soup and the beer determined to return, looking forward to further sampling the Revere menu. I'm quite sure that your own affinity with the Revere Tavern will begin with your first visit. Easy to find on Route 30 in Paradise, call 717-687-8602 for reservations. 

Dinner at The Iron Horse

by Ava Kreider

The Iron Horse Inn is located in Strasburg, PA, also known as "Train Town" with many notable train related attractions to be found nearby. I recently enjoyed dinner here in a building that was once used as a "Waiting Room" area for the Conestoga Trolley Line.

My mother-in-law and I arrived for dinner on a Wednesday night, which happens to be German Night at the Iron Horse. We were seated in one of the charming, intimate dining areas, nicely decorated with train memorabilia. We were excited that we had decided to visit on German Night. German cuisine is a favorite of my mother-in-law, as she had lived in Germany two different times in her life as a military wife.

The menu contained such German specialties as wiener schnitzel, jaegerschnitzel, German sausage, sauerbraten, German potato salad, red cabbage and spaetzle. Oh my, what to choose among all these traditional dishes?

I chose the wienerschnitzel with red cabbage and German potato salad. I do love this combination of Rhineland cuisine and I was not disappointed by the Iron Horse version. I have found that there is German potato salad, and there is GERMAN POTATO SALAD. This was definitely the latter. In fact, I would say that this is the best that I have tasted. It was freshly made with just the right amount of dressing. I eagerly ate every bite. The same with the red cabbage which was cooked to perfection. The wienerschnitzel was made with fresh veal, not the usual frozen that appears too often on restaurant menus. I thought it delicious and had enough to take home for a next day snack.

My mother-in-law chose the jaegerschnitzel, fried veal cutlet topped by a creamy mushroom sauce. Wonderful!!! She also ordered the German potato salad and sauerkraut, and thoroughly enjoyed both. I tasted the sauerkraut, and could tell that it was slowly and lovingly prepared, producing great flavor.

I could go on and on about the German food at the Iron Horse, but I also want to mention a few other items on the menu that I had tried on prior visits. The French Onion and Baked Tomato Soups both come steaming hot in a crock -- the onion soup with a thick layer of melted cheese, and the tomato soup with wonderful home-made croutons. Imagine batter-coated, deep-fried asparagus spears with a light and fanciful dipping sauce. Well, the chef at the Iron Horse calls that dish his own, and it is wonderful and totally addictive. Go for lunch for soup and asparagus spears, and be sure to mark a Wednesday for a return to German night.

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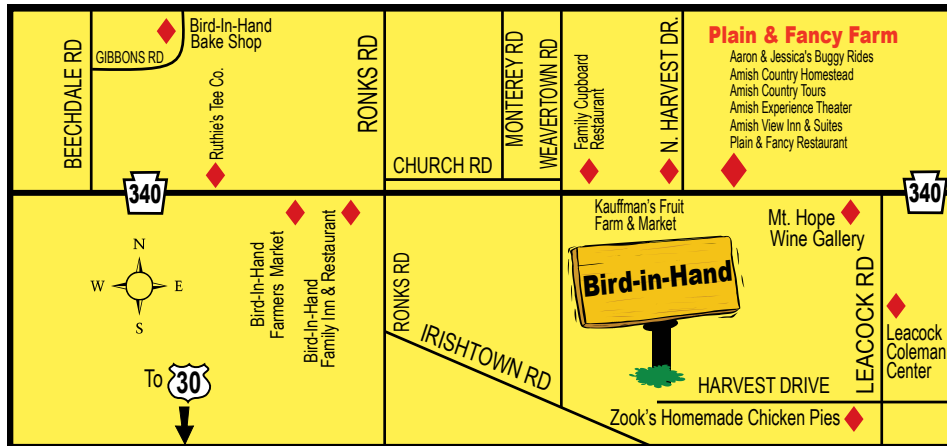
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- 1/4 red pepper julienned
- 1/2Tsp caraway seeds
- 1/8 cup cider vinegar
- 1/8 cup honey

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Of the many unique village names that dot the Amish Country map, one of the more interesting is Bird-in-Hand. William Penn, an English Quaker, had founded the colony of Penn's Woods (Pennsylvania), and settlers began arriving from Europe in the early 1700's, moving westward from Philadelphia. The trip by stagecoach, or Conestoga wagon with freight and merchandise, lasted several days. Inns were built every few miles, identified with signs held by an iron pole or attached to

the side of the building. The reason for the signs was so that they could be understood by all nationalities. Further, since many teamsters or wagoners were poorly educated they could not read. Given orders to stop at a certain inn, they were able to do so by recognizing the artwork on the signboard.

The legend of the naming of Bird-in-Hand dates to the time when the Old Philadelphia Pike was being laid out. By 1734, surveyors at McNabb's

Hotel were discussing whether they should stay at their present location or return to Lancaster to spend the night, one of them said, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." The sign in front of the inn, which became known as the Bird-in-Hand Inn, is known to have once "portrayed a man with a bird in his hand and a bush nearby, in which two birds were perched.

Variations of this sign appear throughout the town today. McNabb's Hotel was destroyed by fire in 1851. By the following year, a three-story hotel was built to replace it. More recently, it was Bitzer's Hotel before becoming the present Village Inn of Bird-in-Hand, a beautiful bed and breakfast property. The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County states that the existing brick building "may be one of the few 19th century inns in the context of a small town in Lancaster County, which survives with a high degree of architectural integrity." It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. When referring to their bird in hand symbol, some residents say that the bird nestled in the human hand indicates friendship, comfort, and hospitality, all of which you'll discover in this perfectly delightful little village of shops, farmers markets and eateries. 

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TEA & Me

by Clinton Martin

Noted local pastry chef Paul Lenyo allowed me to step into his kitchen at **Sugarplums & Tea** for a tutorial on what I would discover as the delicious world of tea. While Chef Paul prides himself on creating wonderful little dessert treats to pair with his many teas, it is the jars and jars filled with layer upon layer of blended leaves that draw in tea aficionados.

Intrigued by one of his recommendations, I chose the Walnut Green Tea. This blend, made especially for drinking nice and hot, is purported to have a positive effect on one's health. I wasn't sure about that, but I do know that the complex flavors certainly had a positive effect on my palate.

The process of creating my perfect tea moment had begun well in advance. The green tea leaf enzymes are rendered inactive by steaming, or at times, pan firing, thereby preventing the natural fermentation process that would otherwise occur. The result...leaves, mild and delicate, produced a delightful tea with a sweet and smooth flavor. The walnut scent had a definite and pleasing presence; and, after the first sip, the nutty taste followed suit. The proper accoutrements helped accentuate the experience, which in a nutshell, meant that there was not a tea bag to be found. Truly, I loved every moment of the luscious, leafy, tea.

After a welcome scone break back in the kitchen (they happened to be popping steaming fresh out of the oven) I returned to the tempting tea task at hand. Now, it was all about iced tea.

Iced tea has become so universally mainstream that I was skeptical that a shred of artisanal creativity had a place. Drop a bag into boiling water, add a few cubes of ice and call it a day, right? Wrong!

Paul suggested a Lotta Colada blend for me, a mixture especially designed for iced tea. This process consisted of a few basic steps. First, we started with one ounce of loose tea, which was to make about two quarts of the finished beverage. Allowing for evaporation, we brought a little more than two quarts of water to a rolling boil, and removed it from the stove. Into the still bubbling pot, we placed the tea infuser (a metal strainer type basket) which gently cradled the loose tea from being buffeted about in the tempest of the boiling water.

With the quick-paced conversation of teacher and student that ensued, the six minute steeping time seemed but a few seconds for me. I learned

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This year marked the 52nd anniversary of Plain & Fancy Farm as the very first family-style restaurant. It remains a legendary dining experience. At the same time, Amish Country Tours (Dutchland Tours) began the first regularly scheduled tours for visitors through the scenic Amish farmlands. And 1959 also marked the opening of the Amish Country Homestead, the only Amish house tour designated a Heritage Site by Lancaster County.

room. An Amish schoolteacher helped decorate the room to give it the feel of a real school. It's all included in the house tour.



Interpreting the ever-changing Amish culture respectfully and accurately is no easy task. The authenticity of the Amish Country Homestead resulted in its designation as the only Heritage Site Amish house tour in Lancaster County.

Jacob struggles to decide whether to remain in the Amish faith.

An important missing link in most tellings of the Amish story is the persecution of the Anabaptists in Europe and the perilous journey to America. Rather than observe, visitors will now feel a part of history as special effects, including an amazing technology called "Pepper's Ghost," combine with smoke, wind, rain, and fire effects in a wrap-around barnyard setting.

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Meet The Tour Guides

Julie Borstner Follows Family to the Amish Experience

by Clinton Martin

Many long-time residents of Lancaster know names like Slaymaker Lock Company and J.P. McCaskey High School. Most have memories of both. Julie Borstner, certified tour guide at the Amish Experience, certainly remembers well her time growing up here, attending the school, and eventually working for the famed lock manufacturer.

It was only reluctantly that she left Lancaster, but the demise of Slaymaker Lock Company made it necessary. She moved to Philadelphia, but life in the City of Brotherly Love didn't quite fit. She began to look for a new adventure, and soon found herself living on the other side of the Country. California was definitely a change of pace. The weather was different as was the culture and the work. By this time, she was working in a law office, but once again hadn't quite been able to put down roots.

It was actually her husband whom she had met in California that suggested moving, and it seemed natural for them to settle on Lancaster. Julie was happy to return and show off the community to her husband. In short time, she was showing extended family around Amish

Country as relatives from all over would come to visit.

A little over a year ago, with family from Virginia in tow, Julie started her excursion, as she did with most of her out-of-town visitors, at the Amish Experience. Her family loved the tour, and said afterwards that Julie would really be a natural as one of those tour guides!

Julie agreed that the idea of showing Amish Country to visitors at the Amish Experience did sound appealing. Within the next few days she noticed that a new tour guide class was beginning at the Amish Experience. She called and applied. Today, after an exhaustive training period Julie is a tour guide at the Amish Experience. She still is the go-to guide for family visitors, but now serves in the same capacity to the rest of the world!

Julie finds it especially interesting to take German visitors on tour with their natural curiosity about the Amish whose roots trace directly back to Germany. She has also guided tours for families from India, Spain, Belgium,



France and Italy, and looks forward to sharing her knowledge of Amish Country with visitors from all the continents. 

Editor's Note: It is our pleasure, from time to time, to highlight guides who have been giving tours of Amish Country over the years. So many have such interesting stories. Their knowledge and understanding has enhanced the experiences of thousands of visitors.



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Now through December 2, 2011, the Smucker family is presenting Beverly Lewis' inspiring Amish love story, "The Confession," on their new Bird-in-Hand Stage. Located on the lower level of the Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant & Smorgasbord, the entertaining, inspiring musical premiered last year in Shipshewana, Indiana to sellout crowds. "The Confession" musical is a captivating story of a young Amish woman caught in the middle of secrets and scandal, love lost and found, and

Beverly Lewis Musical Now on the Bird-in-Hand Stage

personal heartache and healing. Pulling its story line from three books written by the author proclaimed "the queen of [Amish fiction]" by *USA Today*, "The Confession" musical weaves the lives of characters she first introduced in *The Shunning*, *The Confession* and *The Reckoning*. With the laughter that ensues when a New York actress tries to play a "Plain" woman, and the emotions experienced when lies are uncovered and truth revealed, "The Confession" takes its audiences on a roller coaster of highs and lows as the Plain, the not-so-plain, and the outright extravagant all meet.

Beverly Lewis' book was adapted for stage by veteran writer Martha Bolton, who is best known for her work with Bob Hope and Christian comedians Mark Lowry and Chonda Pierce. The show's soaring melodies, inspiring lyrics and pinpoint direction by Dan Posthuma, a well known Nashville composer and producer, and fellow Nashvillian Wally Mason promise an unforgettable experience.

"'The Confession' is a touching love story and a keep-you-on-the-edge-of-your-seat mystery, all

wrapped up in one," said director Wally Nason. "Men and women alike are eager to find out what happens." 

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A Behind the Scenes Look at 18th Century Customs in a Modern World

After the house tour, you can freely explore the one-room schoolhouse, the blacksmith shop, the Amish barn and visit the farm animals. People of all ages will love seeing the staff feed the baby calf and meeting all the animals including Mr. Ed, the horse.

A trip to Lancaster County wouldn't be complete without tasting some local fare. Try samples of Amish made jellies and jams at the Smokehouse Market and leave with local food and some authentic Amish crafts from the Amish Village Store. As you breathe in the fresh air, enjoy a picnic lunch on the spacious grounds.

As you stroll around the property, stop and talk with our Amish staff and learn about their culture first-hand. You can even step into the shoes of an Amish student as you chat with an authentic Amish school teacher in the one-room schoolhouse. She will explain why Amish students only attend school through 8th grade, give sample lessons and answer questions. In the schoolhouse, browse real lessons and homework on display from local Amish classrooms. The Amish teacher will be at the schoolhouse on Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm through the fall.

The Amish Village is more than just an attraction for visitors to Lancaster County -



it's a way to experience the Amish culture first hand. The Lancaster County Amish community is the oldest and largest Amish community in the United States, with a population of about 30,000 - one that has changed little in almost 300 years. You will leave the Amish Village with an appreciation for their culture and lifestyle.

The Amish Village, located at 199 Hartman Bridge Rd., Ronks, PA, is open Monday – Saturday, 9am – 5pm and Sunday 10am – 5pm. Admission for the tour and access to the entire 12 acre property is \$8.25 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 5-12. Children 4 and under are free. For more information visit www.TheAmishVillage.Net or call 717-687-8511. Follow us on Twitter @TheAmishVillage and Like us on Facebook.com/TheAmishVillage for special offers and updates.

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Many people think the Amish pay no taxes. They do. However, the Amish are currently exempt from paying Social Security taxes. This was not always so. The background of the "Amish Exemption" is full of drama, clashes with government, issues of religious freedom, politics, and much more. In writing this five-part series, I was privileged to have access to many original materials and personal letters.

Part 4: The Public Reaction

While Social Security was called a tax and administered by the IRS beginning in the 1950's, it was also clearly intended and described as a form of old age and survivors insurance. In a 1961 press release, the IRS recognized the Amish stance that "Social Security payments, in their opinion, are insurance premiums and not taxes. They, therefore, will not pay the 'premium' nor accept any of the benefits."

The dispute came to the public's attention after the IRS seized the horses of a Pennsylvania Amishman, Valentine Byler, to pay for the back Social Security taxes he had owed and refused to pay. He needed these horses to prepare his fields, do his planting, reap the harvest, and earn a living for his family.

Between 1961 and 1963, Valentine received over 40 letters at his home, as people read about his plight. Some even sent money. These letters came from a wide range of Americans, and reflected social and political attitudes of the time. Since none of these letters have ever been quoted or seen publicly to my knowledge, I want to include selections from a few of them in this issue...

From Dallas, Texas: May I congratulate you on having the intestinal fortitude to stand up for your beliefs. While I am aware that your action stemmed from a love of your religion rather than from defiance, I hope that your example may serve to point out to some of us just how far our benevolent Government will go to reach its goal of making dependents of us all. There seems to be no place for a person who asks merely to be left alone, and to provide for himself and his family.

From New Wilmington, Pennsylvania: Please accept this as a small token (\$5) toward the "resistance of the tyranny of the majority." I only wish that I could do more but, being a college student, my funds are limited.

From a minister in National City, California: We have always prided ourselves on having absolute separation of Church and State, absolute freedom in Religion, and genuine respect for every man's conscience here in these United States. I am sincerely sorry this has happened. I hope that the Lord leads you out of this situation well.

From a doctor in Dallas, Texas: Your views and beliefs should be respected. Our great nation was built on principles and premises you adhere to. We as a country and a nation have come a long way from the old time virtues of simplicity, hard work, frugality, and self reliance.

From Elk City, Oklahoma: We have been guilty of letting little things seemingly creep in and have destroyed the quality of togetherness which you folk still possess. The idea that eventually we will all be taken care of by the government simply takes the initiative away from folks. To my knowledge you are the only people to have the admirable regard you have for no divorce, lack of juvenile delinquency, and caring for the aged. I think we could all learn a great deal from you folk.

From Amsterdam, New York: The only point of issue is that if there are no cases of old age need in your community, then you should not have to pay social security tax. But if there are, you should and must. It is simple as all that.

From Washington, DC: Many of us do not like the apparent over-reaching power of "Caesar's Might." Which will last longer --- trust in God or trust in money? The Amish are wise enough to answer this one. I dare say the Amish way, to trust in God and men's good will, will last longer than any monetary system.

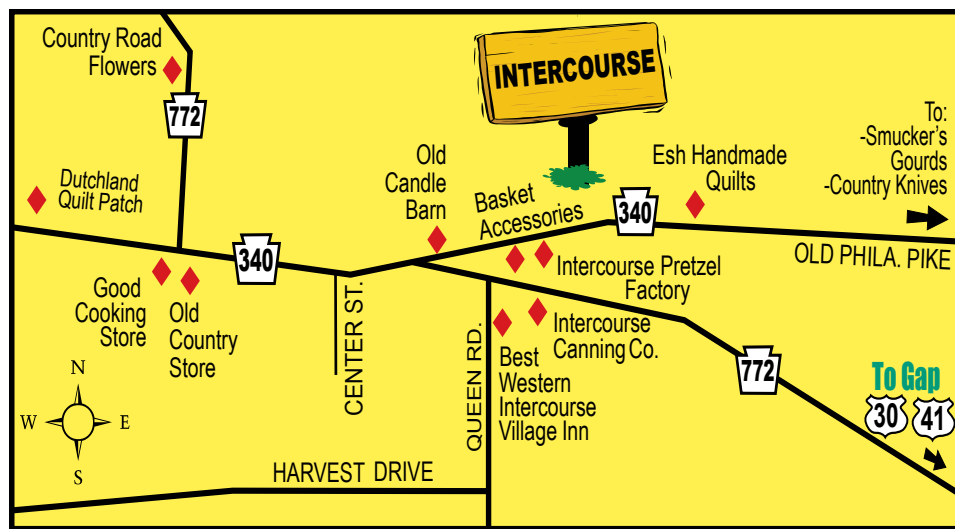
From Dickinson, Texas: Your courageous stand for your religious principles is to be commended. Your action in support of freedom is action in defense of the freedom of all of us.

With unemployment running at far too unacceptable levels, this simple debate over religious freedom and the right to take care of oneself could seem rather trivial. But with mandatory health care soon to be imposed on each and every one of us, I can't help but wonder if there will again be some Federal Government effort to tax our Amish neighbors whose beliefs remain as strong today as they were some 50 years ago when Mr. Byler's horses were sold at auction to pay "taxes" earmarked for benefits his religious conviction would never allow him to use? 

Next issue --- Part 5: The Amish "Fight Back"

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Welcome to Intercourse PA



Perhaps no other town in the entire country can claim its fame on one simple thing --- its name. Harrison Ford drove a buggy past the road sign on a memorable visit in the Hollywood blockbuster hit of the movie Witness. For years people have postmarked "Intercourse" on envelopes, and the jokes from visitors who travel through Bird-in-Hand to Intercourse are endless. There are several theories for the name, but that which we find most plausible follows.

Around 1730, the Old Provincial Highway (now Route 340) was laid out to connect Philadelphia with Lancaster. Conestoga wagons hauled freight back and forth between the two cities. Providing rest for travelers and horses, taverns sprouted along the way, becoming centers for news, gossip, and commerce. The construction

of a log tavern in 1754 at the intersection of Newport Road and the Highway took "Cross Keys" as its name.

It remained such until 1814, when the name was changed to Intercourse as part of a failed real estate scheme of a Mr. George Brungard, who had acquired 48 acres of nearby land and attempted to lay out a town site and divide it into sections for sale by a lottery, advertising "151 handsome building lots of \$250 each to be drawn for by number." Renaming the town made sense, as intercourse had a common usage referring to the pleasant mutual fellowship and frequent intermingling which were so common in the informal atmosphere of the quiet country village.

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A "His & Her" Tasting of September Farm Cheese by Clinton Martin

Whether as centerpiece of an hors d'oeuvre or dessert plate, or simply melted between two slices of bread, cheese is one of the most versatile—and flavorful—of foods, and a perfect topic for our Annual Dining Issue.

In the September issue of Amish Country News I wrote about the Rotelle family who own and are dedicated to the success of September Farm Cheese. Today, I bring you not a story of a cheese family, but a story of a cheese tasting! For this undertaking, I enlisted the help of my wife, she of exceptional palate (and taste in men for that matter). We chose four cheeses, and have collected our thoughts on our first foray as fromagers as follows...

Apple Cinnamon Cheddar

His Reaction – This cheese is unusual, but pleasantly so. Laced with fresh apples, you taste the delicious fruit of autumn with a cheddary bonus. I'm reminded of hot pie, fresh from the oven, cooling on a window sill.

Her Reaction – Really yummy. It has a hint of sweetness, and I have the unexplainable urge to melt it over a big bowl of apple crisp.

Spring Onion Jack

His Reaction – Nice firm texture with a natural resistance on the tongue when you chew it. The onion flavor is fine and light, not overpowering but definitely present.

Her Reaction – I like the soft yet firm texture. The light onion flavor spreads throughout the cheese, and I imagine it would go really well with vegetables.

Cranberry Orange Jack

His Reaction – This cheese tastes like the holidays and makes me want to trim a Christmas tree. The light citrus flavor spreads joy throughout this soft, mild cheese.

Her Reaction – What a fun cheese! Soft and creamy, with the cranberries adding a little crunch, making this cheese fun to bite into. The flavors pop like little bursts when tasted. I would pair it with fruit, cake, or Christmas cookies.

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"Hello, I am cheese!" This is cheddar as cheddar is supposed to be.

Her Reaction – It calls for a jar of good mustard and a plate of crispy crackers. Bold and sharp, you won't take a nap sampling this heavyweight. I'm ready for more.

There you have it. Tour the cheesery, sample our four favorites, and others, take a wedge or three home; and enjoy with a glass of wine from one of our Amish Country wineries (see page 32). Call 610-273-3552 for store hours. Heading east about 10 miles from New Holland on Route 322, turn right onto Mill Road. September Farm Cheese is less than five miles down Mill Road. 🐾

Sugarplums & Tea (Cont'd from Page 15)

that if steeping is longer than eight minutes, you might as well just start over. However, steeping for less than five minutes renders too weak a tea. We removed the tea infuser, and placed the finished tea in the refrigerator to cool. Adding ice is actually a bad idea, for it just waters down the taste. A nice slow cool-down...absolutely. Iced Tea 101.

We kept talking and sampling the baked goods (a story unto themselves). Eventually, we got to tasting the Iced Lotta Colada. I can now tell you that this was an iced tea unlike any you will try except in an authentic tea room like Sugarplums & Tea, an Amish Country gem that we're fortunate to claim as our own. Come on Alice, don't be tepid (sorry, I couldn't help myself) about calling Paul at 717-394-9166 for hours and directions to your very own tea party. 🐾

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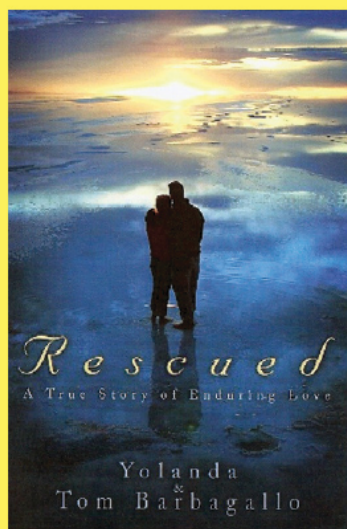


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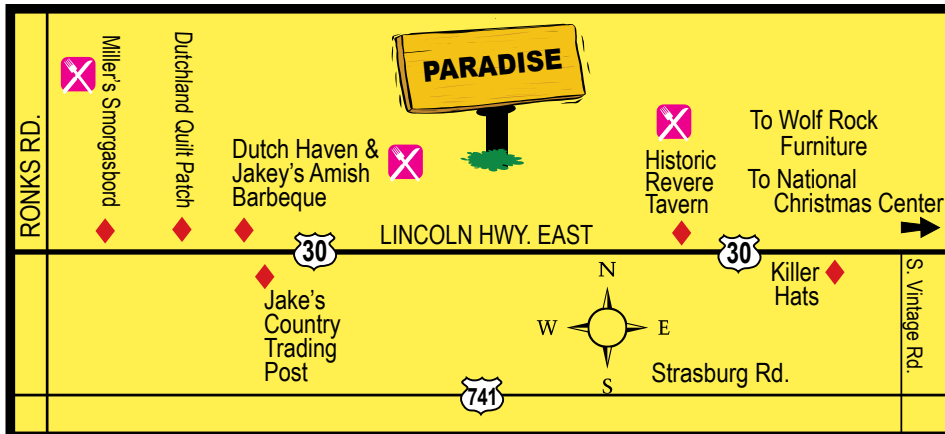
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The origins of RT 30, also known as "Lincoln Highway," date back to Lancaster's Colonial days when the frontier county needed a highway to connect it with the provincial capital of Philadelphia. The road that was constructed is now Route 340, still referred to as the "Old Philadelphia Pike." Soon, it was apparent that the Pike was insufficient to handle the increasing traffic, and in 1790, a commission to survey a new route between was created. Since the cost was too much for the state to undertake, the company charged with building it was given the power to demand "reasonable" tolls from users. Investors received dividends earned from tolls collected along the gates of the turnpike. (As the toll was paid, the gate or "pike" was turned, hence the term "turnpike").

The Act described the construction of the highway, which was to be a bed of small crushed stones on top with, rather than dirt, larger stones underneath to prevent carriage wheels from cutting into the soil. This revolutionary system of road construction is credited to a John McAdam, whose name became the term for paved or "macadam" roads. The turnpike opened in 1795 as the first long-distance, hard surfaced road in the country. Taverns and stagecoach shops grew up along the turnpike for weary travelers. Of these, the Revere Tavern, dating back to 1740 and originally called the "Sign of the Spread

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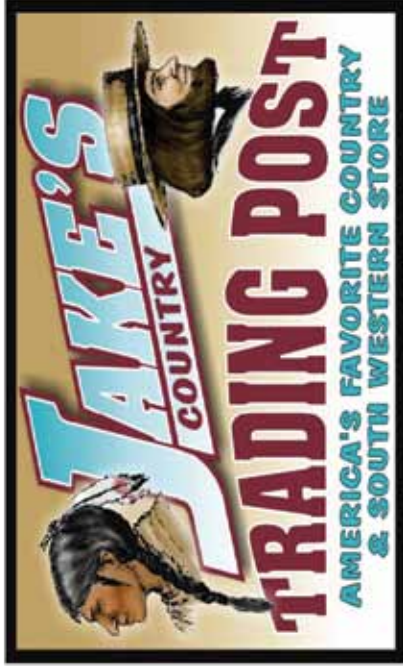
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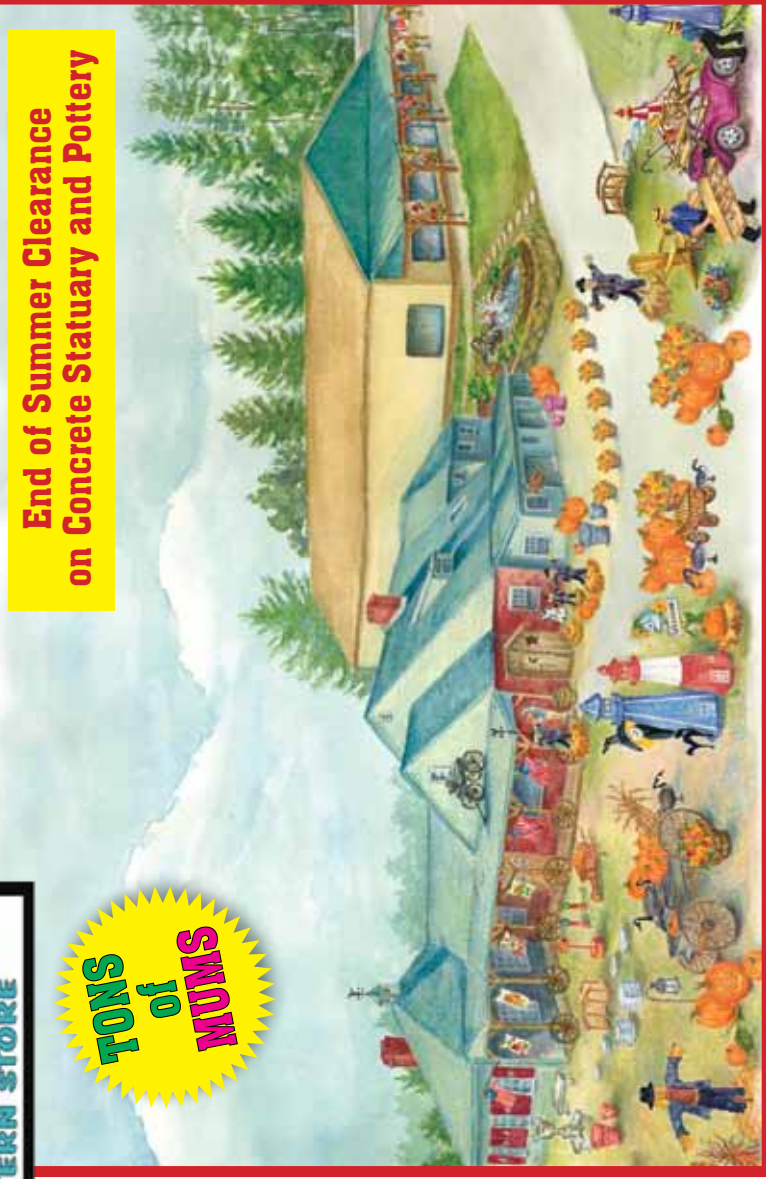


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Wine Tasting in Amish Country

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—Diogenes the Cynic, Greek Philosopher (c. 412-323 BC)



by Clinton Martin

It's logical to me that old Greek philosopher was on to something; and the fact that his country today can't seem to pay its bills, relying on its European neighbors to chip in would seem a natural derivative. But, I digress. Back to wine sampling and, of course purchasing, in Amish Country.

While our most famous foods may well be shoofly pie and chicken corn soup, there is a strong and ever-expanding world of wine growing in our well-tended soil. Although it was only 30 years ago when our local agricultural landscape began to see commercially viable grape vines

planted for the purpose of producing wine, the progress in the quality and quantity of wine and grape production today is amazing.

One of the charter members of the modern Amish Country wine movement, Twin Brook Winery, allowed me access behind the scenes of their winery estate. While walking through row and row of quietly ripening grapes, I began to realize the skill and experience growing these little round fruits required. Melissa Jobe, my Twin Brook guide for the morning, explained that the first vines were actually planted in 1985, but the winery only opened in 1989, as it does take three to four years before newly planted vines can yield a commercial crop for wine production, and five years of growth to finally harvest a full crop. Fortunately, the soil in Amish Country is well suited to many grape varieties; and the weather, not unlike the French region of Bordeaux, is generally amiable as well. (All the recent earthquakes, hurricanes, and flooding notwithstanding!)

Twin Brook tends 30 acres of vineyards, which is comprised predominantly of vinifera varieties, those that the wine drinkers of the world find most familiar, including Cabernet and Chardon-



nay. Less than ten of the acres are set aside for hybrids, which combine the delicate flavors of their European cousins with the winter hardiness of their more distant American cousins. By far, Twin Brook's most important grape is the Pinot Gris, planted in sufficient quantities to produce two distinct styles of wine from this noble grape.

Melissa stressed that while Twin Brook obviously hopes visitors will come to their winery, like the other wineries in Amish Country, they are focused first and foremost on the overall quality and reputation of their wine. To be honest, in years past, there were some Amish Country wines not worthy of positive editorial comment. But with a focus on absolute quality over marketing gimmicks and competitive in-fighting, today's Amish Country wines are winning both awards and customers.

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The Lititz story is tied to that of the Moravian faith in Bohemia. As was the case with other persecuted religious groups in Europe, many

Moravians sought freedom in the New World, arriving in the early 1700's, with settlements in Pennsylvania and North Carolina. In 1755 the town actually took the name Lititz, the German spelling for Lidice, where European reformers had taken refuge in the 15th century.

Music and education were important to the Moravians. In fact, the Lititz schoolhouse erected in 1746 marked the beginnings of what was to be Linden Hall, the oldest

continuously operating residence school for girls in the United States.

For one hundred years, Moravian church members were the only people permitted to live in the town. It was not until 1855 that non-Moravians were allowed to own their own homes. The complex of buildings comprising the Moravian congregation is well worth seeing, particularly the church built in 1787.

One name is linked forever with the history of Lititz --- Julius Sturgis. It was Julius Sturgis who opened the first commercial pretzel bakery in the New World in Lititz. The year was 1861, and the site at 219 East Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places. A tour of the bakery, still in operation, is unlike any other and well worth your time.

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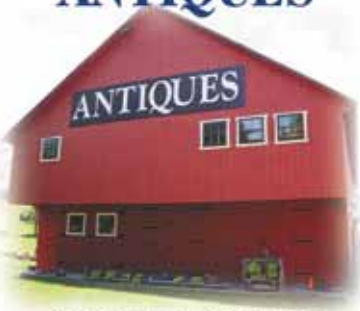
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The State of Pennsylvania has gotten behind this effort, supporting wineries like Twin Brook and others with help from State enologist Denise Gardner and State viticulturist Mark Chien, wine grape specialist with the Pennsylvania State University's Cooperative Extension, based here in Lancaster County. Denise is a Penn State graduate with a degree in enology and flavor chemistry, giving her the ability to observe and identify the aromas and bouquets of wines she samples, identify potential flaws, and assist winemakers in reaching their goals of sound, distinctive, commercially acceptable wines to offer to the public.

Amish Country wineries come in all shapes and sizes. Some are very small, focusing on boutique batches of limited edition vintages, such as the Baron Stiegel Rose from Waltz Vineyards, whose grapes are found basking in the sunlight just north of Manheim. Reaching closer to the Susquehanna River along the western edge of Amish Country, Nissley Vineyards produces notable wines like their Rhapsody In Blue, which even found its way onto the wine list at the White House.

Other Amish Country wines have grown from locally held secrets to widespread visitor favorites. One such winery is Tamanend Winery, which just opened a brand new tasting room at the Strasburg Country Store and Creamery on

the square in Strasburg, one of Amish Country's busiest towns. There, tucked away behind the candy and ice cream is a restored barn full of Tamanend's finest vintages.

There are many more wineries to explore in Amish Country, but for now this will have to be but a nice sampling. Speaking of which, I had the opportunity to do just that at Twin Brook whose wines I found as appealing as any I've tasted, even in the most famous wine regions of the Country. I first tasted the Pinot Gris, which they are justifiably proud of, trying to capture with paper and pen what I would honestly rather see you try in a crystal-clear goblet on a lazy autumn afternoon in Amish Country!

I can tell you this, however. The Pinot Gris is aged in French Oak and prepared in Alsatian style, maturing in barrels that truly do add a wonder-

fully subtle woody flavor. Before I took a sip, placing my nose deep into the goblet before me, I inhaled deeply taking in a most pleasant bouquet that proved a precursor of the taste to follow. The almost citrusy quality of the grape was apparent to my nose, but my overall thoughts were "meadow flowers." The stage thus set for a first sip, I put my taste buds to work allowing the fruit of the vine to pass across my mouth from front to back before gently swallowing. My first flavor was of a pleasant tartness. It just ever so slightly drew in my cheeks, making me smile and nod approvingly. The tastes quickly faded into what I instantly recognized as a delicious well-rounded wine that could grace my table at home anytime.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Twin Brook and recommend that you make it one of the stops on your wine sampling trail in Amish Country. Nearly all visits will feature complimentary tastings ("wine drunk at the cost of others") with reasonably priced offerings of distinctive, well-made Amish Country wines. Before I provide you with a brief listing of favorite Amish Country wineries with phone numbers for your reference, I would like to leave you with this old English toast, "May our love be like good wine, grow stronger as it grows older." 🐾



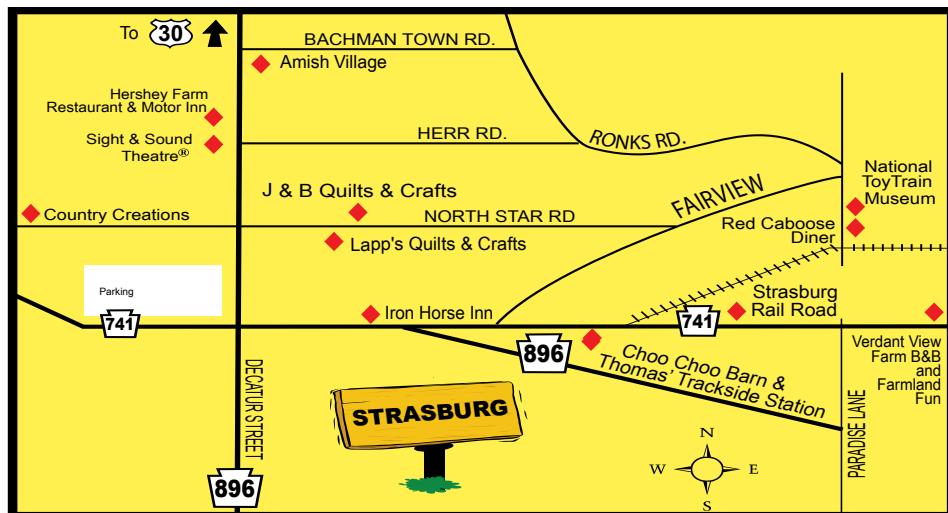
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may not know much about the interesting history of this town...

Strasburg, named for the city in France, was actually "founded" by a Frenchman, Pierre Bezaillon, who traded with the Delaware Indians. The story goes he came to the area in 1693, as French fur traders opened up the

first path through this area from Philadelphia to the Susquehanna River.

As early as 1716, when the first wagon was used for hauling goods, the path became known as the Conestoga Road, and the wagons that traveled them eventually became known as Conestoga Wagons. Main Street Strasburg was developed during the next half century as traffic on this road increased considerably and the first log houses appeared in the village about 1733.

Strasburg continued to flourish in the 18th century primarily because of its location along the major wagon routes between Philadelphia, Lancaster, and the Susquehanna River. It was one of the principal stopping stations and, with the heavy wagon traffic, there were as many as eight or ten taverns here. Most of the older houses along Main Street were at one point private schools and academies and with many of the structures still intact, the Strasburg Borough Council, in order to maintain the charm and historical significance of the Village, enacted an ordinance in 1970 that created a Historic

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Traveling to Hershey Farm...in search of the Perfect Whoopie Pie



by Clinton Martin

A little sphere of cake sandwiched on top of an identical sphere, filled with sweet icing inside. Sounds simple right? Well, the humble whoopie pie is clearly more than meets the eye. In fact, it has become so beloved among fans that States have even fought over who can legitimately claim ownership of the delicious snack.

However, the quest for the Perfect Whoopie Pie can only end in one place – right here in Amish Country where we boast an amazing number of bakeries, large and small, each with their own version of the sinfully sweet treat.

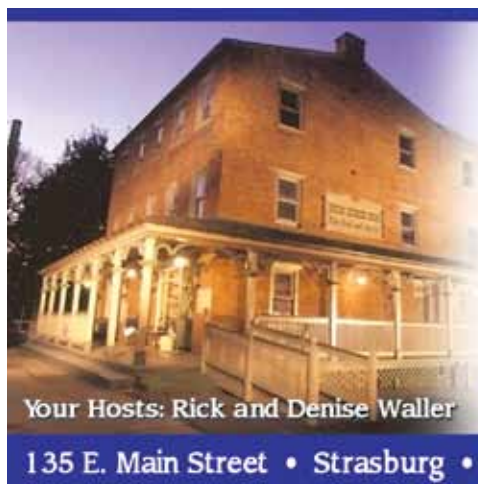
I was privileged to tie on the apron strings of a Hershey Farm baker, and sift some flour with the folks who have become synonymous with whoopie pies in Amish Country. If you're lucky enough to be in the area mid-September, at Hershey Farm Restaurant, you can become part of an annual party of astounding proportions, and it's all about the whoopie pie.

The Hershey Farm Whoopie Pie Festival sees the expansive on-site bakery producing over 40,000 of the hand-held, oh-so-much-more-than-a-cookie. Over 27,000 are simply bought to be enjoyed the day of the event, while the rest actually become a part of the festivities. Think whoopie pie checkers, toss-the-whoop, etc. No word yet on how much milk is needed to dunk all those whoopie pies, but, I'm sure you've seen all the cows hereabout so you know Amish Country has plenty of that too!

I tried my best to be helpful as I worked hard (or was it hardly working?) in the bakery, watching the butter, eggs, and flour come together at the hands of the HF team. On most days, the bakery has a crew of six, but for the ramp-up for the Whoopie Pie Festival, it is basically an all-hands-on-deck time, with everyone in the Hershey Farm family helping out. I observed over 18, but there could have been more. Somebody has to test-taste all the new whoopie pie flavors. Enter Clinton Martin!



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The bakery manager, Krystal Moore, kept a watchful eye on the pastry progress, and with each batch completed, she knew the 40,000 goal crept ever closer. This was obviously very hard work, but it was clearly a labor of love for Krystal and her eager bakery hands. I felt compelled to ask her just how she got her start in the baking business.

She told me that when she was young, she couldn't recall her mother baking very much. Yet she felt the urge to bake herself, and ended up experimenting with her mother's permission, and soon came to realize that this was something that she really loved. With her degree from culinary school in hand, she was eventually hired by Hershey Farm where everyday she enjoys a career that blossomed from a childhood hobby.

Today, her baking task was to produce batch after batch (200 at a time) of perfect whoopie pies. I asked her what the most common whoopie pitfall is, especially for home-bakers. She replied that when people call her asking for help, it is usually because they did not let the whoopie pies bake long enough.

The recipe does not call for yeast, so the cake rises to its fluffy goodness through the natural chemistry of baking. But, if the whoopie pies are brought out of the oven too soon, they literally fall flat, even getting wrinkly. A flat, wrinkly whoopie pie not only looks pretty bad, it doesn't taste very nice either.

Krystal explained that the best way to check a whoopie pie for "doneness" is to press your index finger on the top of the pie. If the surface springs

back when you lift your finger, it is done. If it slowly puffs back, or the divot remains, the pies need to bake a little longer.

One could also use a toothpick, looking for any batter sticking to it once it is removed (which also would mean it isn't done yet), but Hershey Farm would literally have to fill a warehouse with toothpicks. Gardeners have green thumbs, Hershey Farm bakers have "whoopie pie fingers."

Although Krystal enjoys preparing for the Whoopie Pie Festival, and actually bakes

whoopie pies year-round for the staple that appears daily on the Hershey Farm menu (breakfast included), this is far from her entire repertoire which includes not only other sweets such as cookies, pies and cakes, but also savory daily indulgences like hearty breads. Sample Crystal's handiwork along with Hershey Farm's full smorgasbord and ala carte menus seven days a week at the RT 896 Strasburg landmark. For additional information visit www.hersheyfarm.com. 



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The instability in Europe in the late 1600's spawned and nurtured the pioneer interest in the deep forest lands of Pennsylvania — 60 miles inland from Philadelphia. In 1681 William Penn received his 40,000 square-mile land grant to settle King Charles' debt to his father. Himself a Quaker, Penn had experienced religious persecution firsthand, and decided to establish his American colony based on complete religious freedom.

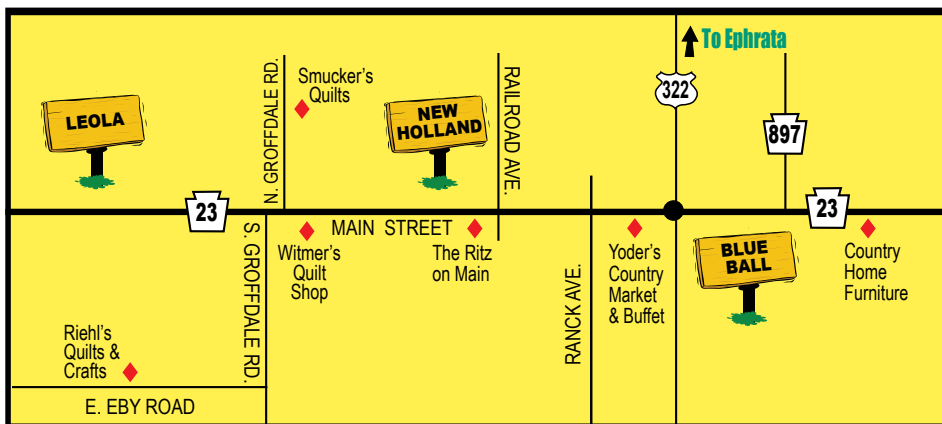
This entire century had been one of continued misery for the peasants of the Palatinate (western Germany). The Thirty Years War had raged across the area with barbaric ruthlessness. The peasant inhabitants fled to nearby Holland for refuge. And within a decade of the end of that conflict, King Louis XIV of France started a new religious war in the same general area. These Palatinate peasants were exhausted by war's desolation, and were ripe for a new start. Traveling land agents for William Penn's new colony found willing ears. In addition to religious freedom and a peaceful existence, Penn offered cheap land. The stated price was 100 English pounds for 5,000 acres. (At today's rate exchange, this would be less than \$.04 an acre). By the year 1702, a goodly number of Palatinates had immigrated to Pennsylvania, and Queen Anne, newly reigning in England, was delighted that Penn was colonizing his immense grant without drawing off the population of Britain.

The area today called New Holland was practically covered by virgin forests—sturdy timbers of oak, ash, chestnut, and walnut. By 1728, William Penn had been dead for 10 years and his American colony, called Pennsylvania, was being administered by a proprietary governor while the sale of land was formalized by patent deeds.

In 1802, when a post office was established and an official name was necessary, there was no dissension to naming the town New Holland.

These grateful people remembered how extremely kind the inhabitants of Holland were to them, with assistance thought to have included funds to cover the cost of the refugee German immigrants' ocean voyage.

This was no small matter when the alternative was indentured service for a period of years. For adults, indenture frequently meant four to seven years of labor without pay. Minors served until their 21st birthday. But still, William Penn's Quaker Pennsylvania was a liberation compared to the Europe they fled seeking freedom of religion, assembly and speech to all, hopefully, none of which we take for granted today.



Apple Butter Bran Bread

Courtesy of Yoder's Country Market & Buffet, New Holland

- 1 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup bran cereal
- 1 1/2 cups apple butter
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup raisins

1. Stir together flour, baking powder, soda and salt. Set aside.

2. Combine bran cereal, apple butter and lemon juice. Let stand about 2 minutes or until cereal softens.

3. In large mixing bowl, beat together shortening and sugar until thoroughly combined. Add egg. Beat well. Stir in cereal mixture and raisins. Add flour mixture, stirring only until combined. Spread in 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pan coated with cooking spray.

4. Bake at 325°F about 1 1/4 hours or until wooden pick insert near center comes out clean. Let cool in pan 10 minutes before removing from pan. Place on wire rack to cool completely. Wrap with plastic wrap.

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by Clinton Martin

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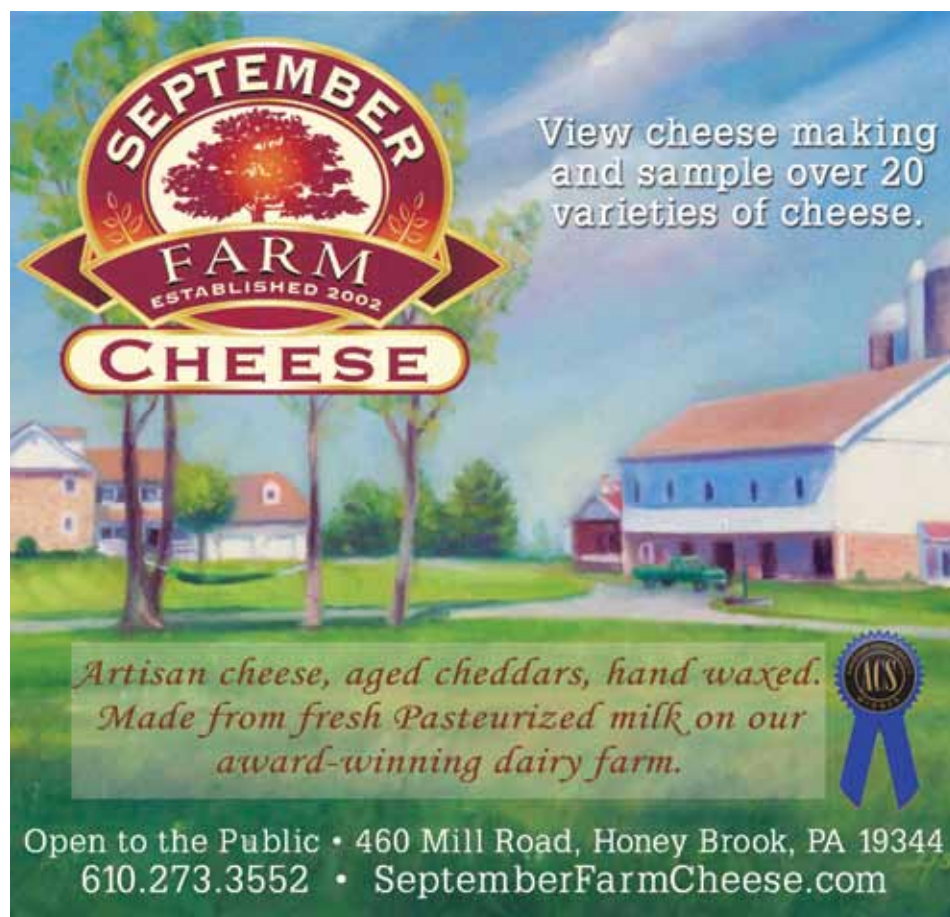
Just off the PA Turnpike Exit 286 in Adamstown, Stoudt's Brewing Company could well be your first stop. Stoudt's is a traditional German style brewery. My recommendation - a tall glass of Scarlet Lady Ale.

If checking out the hip urban downtown scene of Lancaster City is more your style, you'll find a brand new beer tasting room adjacent to the very cool Central Market. This creative re-thinking of a brewery is called Spring House Brewing Company, and the flavors of the beer are pretty far-out, even for the adventuresome. I'd suggest the Kerplunk! Imperial Chocolate Stout. Two other Lancaster City brew pub destinations are the Iron Hill Brewery, within view of the excellent Gibraltar Restaurant, and the Lancaster Brewing Company on the corner of Plum and Walnut streets. All three make the short ride to town worth your while.

Head a little farther northwest of Lancaster City, and make the very quaint town of Mount Joy your destination. Here you can drink a hand-crafted ale from Bube's Brewery. Alois Bube, a German immigrant, built this turn-of-the-century brewery from the ground up, and 100 years after his death, the brewery is still going strong. Order the Kolsch, a true German style beer that goes well with a wide range of food. The tour of the underground catacombs is worth the trip alone.

If the pub grub genre interests you, then I must direct you to the Union Barrel Works. This turn-of-the-century former hardware store and sewing factory is now a veritable shrine to delicious pub food and finely crafted old-world beers. However, if you are thinking the menu ends with wings, burgers, and fries, you need to partake of the special offerings of Chef Frank Henne. He's found a way to respectfully serve up the golden standards of pub fare while, at the same time, completely turning the concept on its head.

I discovered that a steamy crock of smoked trout chowder accompanies artisan ale as well as a basket of onion rings. Finger food takes on new dimensions in the form of the Barrel Works specialty crab cheesecake. Dipping warm flatbread into a flan-like mixture of meaty crab, cream cheese, red peppers, onions, and Gouda cheese might lead you to forget you're dining



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at a brew pub, but the beer will bring you back to hoppy earth. Depending on when you head to Union Barrel Works, you might even find yourself staring down the menu of a fun and adventurous “Beer Dinner.” These culinary events give Chef a chance to showcase his talents with course after course of interesting tastes, while the brew master matches with a fitting whiff for each. There are rumors of a Wild Game Beer Dinner possibly coming in October or November.

The Portobello Mushroom cap appetizer paired with Wobbly Bob Doppelbock is probably my favorite UBW fare. The mushroom has a positively steak-like texture, and its taste itself reminds you of a tender, juicy cut of choice beef. It definitely retains its earthy identity as a member of the classic mushroom family prepared as a cast iron skillet-baked melt of mushroom, onions, scallions, roasted red peppers, all topped by a decadent blend of cheeses.

With this wild, bold appetizer, of course the beer needs to stand up to the punch. Thus my recommendation of the Wobbly Bob Doppelbock, a dark “dunkel” style lager, rich and malty, but with a pleasing, mellow finish. It is a strong brew, exactly what the dish calls for.

The Doppelbock’s color has a noticeable amber hue, and when it arrives, the head is about one inch. The first thing you notice is the malty sweetness. I also enjoyed the fact that the naturally occurring bubbles are lively and spirited and seem to climb up the side of the glass in little rivulets. Reaching the top of the glass, they span out across the head of the beer reminding me of a wintry landscape.

With a more modest menu of chips, pretzels, cheeses and sausages is the newly opened Rumspringa Brewery occupying the top floor the Mount Hope Wine Gallery on RT 340 between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. Finally, while you need to step up to the casks on a festival day, the



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by Clinton Martin

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His Amish cooks challenged him with the thought that home-made goodness would trump a few dollars saved and endear customers to the Hometown Kitchen. The proof was in the tasting. There was no way Issac could settle for less. You won't either. For a special treat in so many ways, get yourself off the beaten path and enjoy.

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★★★★★ SuperSaver Tour...
 Review by Kit on 6/20/11 6:27 AM
 My sister visited me and she had never been to Lancaster County. We did an overnighter and both of us were totally delighted with the tour. The tour directors were knowledgeable and friendly and answered all our questions. The movie was great. The Amish business and shop we visited were both fantastic. Friendly, friendly people throughout the tour. I will do it again when introducing someone to Lancaster County and the Amish way of life. Price was in line with today's costs.

★★★★★ VIP Tour...
 Review by Peggy on 7/26/11 9:41 AM
 We so enjoyed this tour - worth every penny. The opportunity to sit down with an Amish family and share their life was eye-opening. To see a working dairy farm using their means of milking and cooling the milk was most interesting. And who would think gourd farming could support a family of 8? It does. I would recommend this tour for sure!!

★★★★★ Super Saver Package April 2011...
 Review by Chaps on 4/27/11 9:55PM
 We came all the way from Mexico to PA for 2 weeks and definitely these Amish tours were a great experience!!!! We loved the tour into the farms, watching the people working their lands, the kids in schools, the cows and mules, the shops..... and what it makes it more enjoyable is the guide, who knows and explains very well the Amish life. Hope we can repeat this experience again.

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A Witness to WITNESS

by Brad Igou

How many of us can say that we have been on the set location of a major Hollywood blockbuster movie? For a few short weeks, YOU can through an exclusive Witness Movie Tour offered by Amish Country Tours!

Back in 1985, when Harrison Ford had become famous for his roles in STAR WARS and INDIANA JONES, and Kelly McGillis had as well for her role in TOP GUN, the two came together in an unlikely story. It was a drama that could only unfold in America, yet it was directed by an Australian, and centered around a group of people who do not want to be photographed. This culture clash, love story, murder mystery thriller was an unusual mix that turned into a universally acclaimed film, earned eight Academy Award nominations, and is still avidly watched today by countless movie fans... WITNESS.

The script, inspired by an episode of *Guns, Smoke, and Mirrors*, was originally titled "Called Home," and is often cited as a frequent model for budding screenwriters. The story involves a detective protecting a young Amish boy who has witnessed a brutal murder in the Philadelphia train station. The detective ends up taking sanctuary on an Amish farm, as those responsible for the murder come looking for both the detective and the Amish boy.

The farm chosen for filming was not Amish, and not visible from the road. Back in 1985, the owners were reluctant to turn their farm over to Paramount Studios for a movie starring "an actor named after a car." But their daughters knew who Harrison Ford was, and soon he was walking the halls of their farmhouse. Locals were used as the Amish characters, and have shared their wonderful behind-the-scenes stories, many of which are imparted by the delightful guides who conduct the tour.

The farm, now owned by an Amish family, has remained a famous site visitors have long



wished to see. The exclusive arrangement secured by Amish Country Tours with the family permits groups of up to 14 people to visit and photograph the location, which is not otherwise open to the public. At times, there is even the opportunity to talk with the Amish family that owns and works the farm, who are still unsure why their property holds so much allure after all these years.

I remember the first time I came over the ridge and got that first view of the farm down in the valley. My eyes scanned the scene from the barn on the right, and then across the lawn to the birdhouse, pond, and summer kitchen, so pivotal to the plot. For a few moments I felt like I was in the movie and, in a way, I was.

The summer kitchen has been closed. However, beginning the middle of this August, by special arrangement with the Amish family who own the farm, guests are again able to walk inside and explore this famous Hollywood set as part of the Witness tour.

Part of what makes this tour so special, besides the visit to the farm itself, is the winding route along backroads of southern Lancaster County. One of the most beautiful, and least visited areas of Amish Country, it includes three of the county's most historic covered bridges.



But the tour begins and ends with WITNESS, as the route taps several locations of the movie including the village of Intercourse. Tour-goers also receive a list of lesser known WITNESS locations in other parts of the county, as well as an authentic Amish-made wooden toy horse, just like the one young Lukas Haas was given in the film.

Whether you are inspired to discover a famous movie location, the spectacular Amish Country scenery, or both, this certainly is a rare opportunity and a very special experience for a limited few.

The Witness Movie Covered Bridge Tour departs, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 4:30pm from the Amish Experience Theater at Plain & Fancy Farm, Route 340 between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. Tickets may be purchased, subject to availability, in advance in person at the Amish Experience Theater, by phone 717-768-3600, ext.210 (Visa or MasterCard), or online at www.AmishExperience.com. Tours end in October.

If you're among the fortunate to experience this tour, not only will you have walked in Harrison Ford's footsteps, you will have traversed an authentic Hollywood film set, all without ever leaving PA Dutch Country! 🐎

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Dinner at Loxley's

by Ava Kreider

My family enjoyed an early light dinner at Loxley's at the Heritage Hotel, just off the Centerville Road exit, Route 30 west of Lancaster City. Loxley's theme harkens back to the days of Robin Hood. The restaurant looks like a tree house in a forest, with secret places inside and "nooks and crannies" where diners can be seated. There is an indoor/outdoor fireplace area near the bar that looked cozy, and many were enjoying the atmosphere there.

It was a balmy summer evening so we were seated outside (but inside the two-level tree house) on a delightful patio. The place was busy with a great buzz and many waiting for a table.

We started with appetizers of deep fried mozzarella sticks and, are you ready for this, deep fried battered green beans! The beans came with a yummy garlic mayonnaise dipping sauce. Needless to say they disappeared in a hurry. You could make a meal just from the appetizer section of the menu. We saw an order of nachos that was piled sky-high. It looked to be enough for a table of at least six people.

Our party ordered a variety of dishes from Loxley's extensive menu. I really could not



believe the number of dishes offered and it was difficult to narrow our choices to a reasonable few. We sampled soup, salad with what seemed an entire perfectly ripe avocado, burgers with a variety of toppings, and fish and chips. We all enjoyed the crispy, sweet potato fries as well. What a wonderful way to enjoy fries! Together with the fried green beans, a meal for many. The portions on each of our orders were ample -- we had enough to enjoy as lunch the next day.

Loxley's also has a program called "The Legend Continues" through which it offers 5% of a diner's check (excluding alcohol) to a

participating charity that has qualified after an application process. There are three charities available for donation at any given time that customers are able to choose from. The folks at Loxley's believe in giving back to the community as well as educating customers of various local and national charities. Bravo, Loxley's!

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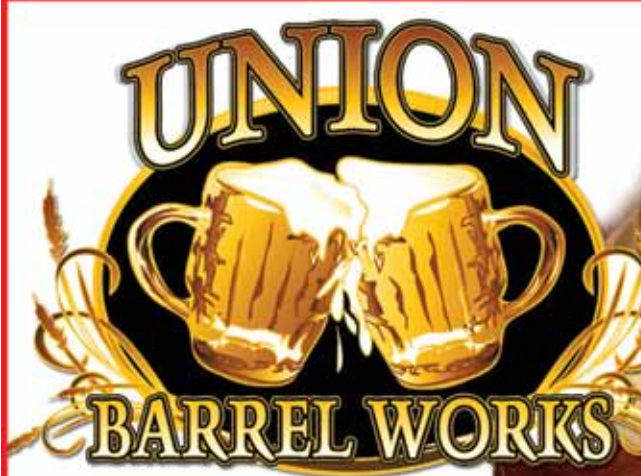
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Paradise by the Slice...Zook's Chicken Pies

by Clinton Martin



A couple of months ago, you'll recall I coined the term farmbiance as I wrote about the farm where Zook's Chicken Pies are made, and what a wonderful stop it is for those visiting Amish Country. I've gotten some nice responses from folks who made the trip, thanking me for the recommendation.

With our Annual Dining Issue, it's time to write of the Zook Pie tasting experience. This required some kitchen time and knife-and-fork homework on the part of my family – boy, isn't it tough having to “work” at home!

To be honest, long before I sliced into the flaky, steaming crust of my very first Zook's Chicken Pie, the hard work had already been done. The good country folk at Zook's had made my little pie from scratch, preserving its delicate flavor, setting it up in the freezer at just the right moment.

So home I strode with my Zook's Chicken Pie, the flavors I was about to savor neatly held in frozen suspension awaiting only my change into shorts and a tee-shirt before being promptly popped into the oven. Much like the Sirens tempted Odysseus, I became increasingly tantalized by the aromatic waves of delectable smells wafting about my house. At the time, patience was hardly a virtue.

Eventually, I was able to free the pie from its 350 degree purgatory and place it in the center of our dining room table. Simple and unpretentious, it was the most beautiful centerpiece we'd had in a long time. But, I didn't dig in right away. After the journey from its Ronks birthplace and its matriculation from the oven's finishing school, it was time for it to “rest”. Soon satisfied that the pie was ready, I sliced out a generous portion for my wife and myself.

Since this was to serve not only as dinner, but also as a critical review, I gingerly took a bite, and slowly, pensively, allowed time for my palate's exploration. It was a wonderful, unobstructed pleasure. The main ingredient was clearly chicken floating in a delicious, thick gravy allowing the chunks of juicy, tender white meat to float like little pillows of poultry. Other obvious ingredients were celery (perhaps celery seed seasoning?) and the rather surprising inclusion of peas which lent an important flavor profile, reminding me of the fertile Amish Country farmland from which they had been picked.

I was somewhat amused not to find corn in the formula as many Pa Dutch chicken dishes call for a healthy dose of the golden kernels. But, the pie certainly didn't come up short, and in fact stood proudly on its own, perhaps in defiance of the



starchy yellow delight. For a few more weeks, when I plan to enjoy a Zook's Chicken Pie, I will keep my eye out for a road-side stand for some good “Roast'n Ears” to enjoy on-the-cob with my generous slice of Zook's Chicken Pie.

My plate quickly cleaned, I was barely able to stay my hand from instantly reaching for seconds which were, by the way, every bit as tasty as the firsts. You can pick up your own Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies at the family farmstead at 3194 Harvest Drive in Ronks. Turn south off Route 340 onto Old Leacock Road. In less than two miles, you'll come to Harvest Drive. Turn right. You'll see the farm to your left. If you need more information call ahead, but, as this is an Amish establishment, you'll have to leave a voice mail. 717-768-0239. Happy eating! 🐔

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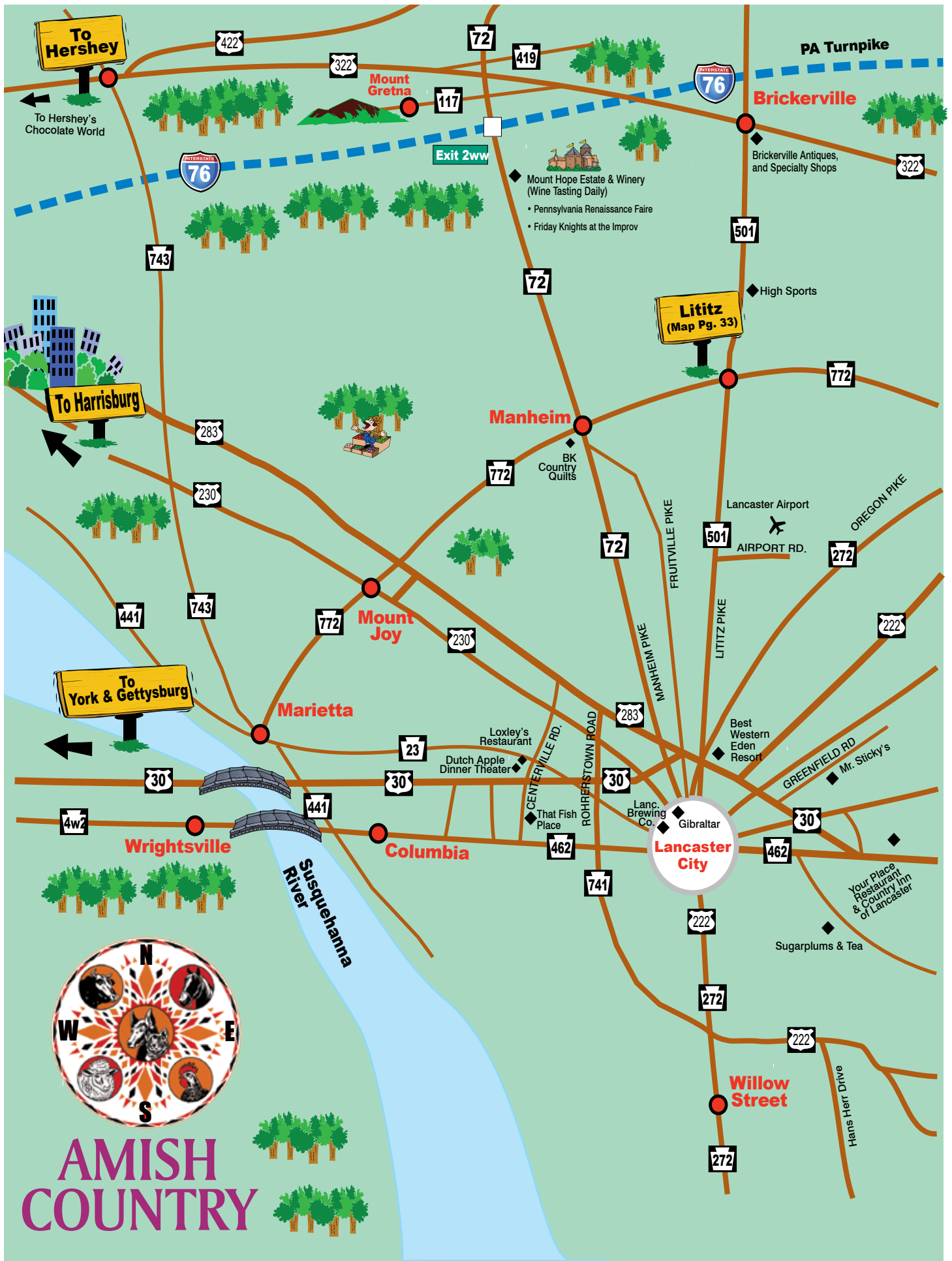
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by Clinton Martin

Sounds like the opening scene of the latest hit TV cooking show right? Who will “pack up their knives” and go home today? Actually, this is instead a very real-world experience. The Best Western Premier Eden Resort Inn & Suites, long an Amish Country showcase of service, finely appointed rooms and suites and, of course, fine dining, is a destination within a destination brimming with an overabundance of sensory delights. During my visit, and this little epistle, I chose to concentrate on a little written subject... who and what are behind the menu!

Executive chef, Gary Spicer, was my host for the afternoon, taking me behind the scenes for a real look at how he and his staff of 45 keep Eden’s diners happy, and coming back for more. As an admitted devotee of the popular battle-in-the-kitchen shows on TV, I had expected to hear Gary share tales of the high turnover, highly competitive world of would-be executive chefs, and cutthroat kitchen capers. But, to the contrary, Gary explained that he has never found such an environment to benefit employer, employee, or most importantly, the customer.

He had personally experienced this high-stress world of kitchen life in the 1980s, working for stereotypically angry French chefs, dodging ladles while thanking his lack of even basic French for not allowing him to understand what his boss was yelling. Now that he is in the position of leadership in his own kitchen, he is determined to foster a much calmer, more cooperative atmosphere that he believes produces consistently excellent quality regardless of the demands thrown at his staff.

I was thus greeted with a very composed, professional kitchen, fantastically clean, as I observed ten different cooks preparing for the upcoming dinner service. It was quite a delicate ballet, watching knives chopping, bacon slicing, soup stirring, and even cookies gracefully placed into a warm oven, all elegantly balanced at a super-high rate of speed. This kitchen was obviously accustomed to turning out large quantities of very fine food on a regular basis.

There are two restaurants on site at the Eden Resort – Garfield’s, a sort of “chain done local” that serves up all the great American dishes you’ll find at a Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays, but with a level of caring in the kitchen that comes from your favorite local casual place. And then there’s Arthur’s, more upscale, but never pretentious, and always a treat for business or pleasure.

Even with the two restaurants, I was starting to wonder why the kitchen was humming along at such a quickened pace. They would surely



Executive Chef Gary Spicer directs his kitchen!



Gary's protege hones his skill.

prepare too much food for a Thursday evening. Perhaps Gary saw the look on my face, and knew what I was thinking. He went on to explain that meetings and events are a big part of what the Eden does and I was witnessing not only preparations for the dinner rush, but also for a number of different banquet events.

Most locals and visitors in the know think of the Eden’s certifiably famous Sunday Champagne Brunch. Words can scarcely describe the tastes, sounds, smells, and fun that this grand weekly tradition embodies. Gary, speaking from the point of view of the quarterback driving for the winning touchdown with little time left on the clock, described it as a superb, ever challenging “monster” of an undertaking.

Gary justifiably praises the Brunch as a wonderful way to showcase the iconic Eden Resort property. In fact, I learned that the primary motivation for the Brunch isn’t the day’s bank deposit. It is actually a conduit for thousands, of future diners and event-holders to see the culinary talents of Gary’s staff up-close and personal. With live piano, bubbly, numerous carving stations, a grand ballroom with fountains, chandeliers, and one delicious dish after another, both locals and visitors are treated to dazzling reasons why they should plan their next vacation, business meeting, family reunion, wedding reception, or sports banquet right here.

I now needed to either grab a spoon and start digging in, or remove myself from the intoxicatingly wondrous aromas of the kitchen, so Gary and I walked out through what I could only describe as a secret cooks-only passage from the kitchen to the dining room. Here Gary related that he got his start in the food business attending

a private Catholic school, which required him to earn his tuition. The seeds were planted for Gary’s culinary career when he began cutting meats at a deli in Niles, IL.

His big break, if you will, came when he landed a spot in the kitchen of the Omni hotel in Miami FL. His boss happened to be Jose Florian, a well-established chef in the region, who seemed to take Gary under his wing, and put extra effort into teaching him the skills to take him beyond a good line cook to a great sous chef. As chef Florian would travel from kitchen assignment to kitchen assignment, he invariably took with him his closest crew, which included Gary. It was a great time of discovery, as Gary cooked his way from Miami, to South America and into the Caribbean. Every new place added more spice and flavor to his repertoire.

He eventually stopped at the Macaroni Grill stepping up through the ranks to become the regional executive chef, overseeing all Macaroni locations east of the Mississippi. It was highly intense, highly rewarding, but also highly difficult for him to stay put in one place. Gary explained that after a few years of living out of a suitcase, he was ready to put down roots somewhere he could feel at home, even raise a family.

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Make the Pumpkin Whoopie Cookies: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, whisk the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and cloves together and set aside.

In a separate bowl, whisk the brown sugar and oil together until well combines. Add the pumpkin puree and whisk to combine thoroughly. Add the eggs and vanilla and whisk until combined.

Sprinkle the flour mixture over the pumpkin mixture and whisk until completely combined.

Use a small ice cream scoop, I used a 1/4 c measuring cup, to drop heaping tablespoons of the dough onto the prepared baking sheets, about 1 inch apart. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until the cookies are just starting to crack on top and a toothpick inserted into the center of a cookie comes out clean. Remove from the oven and let the cookies cool completely on the pan while you make the filling.

Make the Cream Cheese Filling: Sift the confectioners' sugar into a medium bowl and set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the butter until it is completely smooth, with no visible lumps. Add the cream cheese and beat until combined.

Add the confectioners' sugar, maple syrup and vanilla and beat until smooth. Be careful not to overbeat the filling, or it will lose structure. (The filling can be made 1 day ahead. Cover the bowl tightly and put it in the refrigerator. Let the filling soften at room temperature before using.)

Assemble the Pies: Turn half of the cooled cookies upside down (flat side facing up).

Use an ice cream scoop or a tablespoon to drop a large dollop of filling onto the flat side of the cookie. Place another cookie, flat side down, on top of the filling. Press down slightly so that the filling spreads to the edges of the cookie. Repeat until all the cookies are used. Put the whoopie pies in the refrigerator for about 30 minutes to firm up before serving.

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Amish at Ground Zero

by Brad Igou

In September, the media paid significant attention to the tenth anniversary of the tragic, history-changing events of 9/11. Little known is that a Pennsylvania Amishman, David Wengerd, was at the World Trade Center on that fateful day. David, his wife, and other farmers traveled by train on a regular basis to sell their farm products at New York City markets. Here is an abbreviated version of his experiences that day as printed in the October, 2001 issue of the local Amish publication, The Diary...



It was September 11th, 6:30 in the morning. It was a beautiful sun shining morning. I was setting up my tent beside World Trade Center #1. People were rushing by, already going to work at the Offices in World Trade. It was a brisk morning for business. I had a lot of my regular smiling customers buying cookies, muffins, cheese, etc. for their office. These people had no idea what was to happen to them that day!

I heard a plane coming very low, there was a terrific ROAR, and then a noise like I never heard before! People started screaming and looking up; then I noticed debris falling like snow. It was everywhere! Fire showed about three-fourths of the way up at Tower #2. I was at market with about 15 other farmers and we started running. We were all running east, away from the building. People were screaming and running. Cars were blowing their horns. Sirens started going all around. People were getting hit by cars while running across the street! We just kept running and looking back. After I ran about two city blocks, I stopped and looked back with awe at the burning building.

After about 5 - 10 minutes, I decided to go back and grab my things together before the police wouldn't let us get that close... About half way through packing, we heard another crash; it sounded like an explosion like the first one had, but that one was more scary than the first one. I thought bombs were going off every so often, as the same building was bombed about seven years ago.

We all ran again, looking back which way the building would fall. It was pretty much like the first time except not knowing what would happen. I ran about four blocks; then I started looking for a phone to let my wife know I was alright. She was about 14 miles away at another market. People were trying to use their cell phones. I asked to use one to call, but everybody said they didn't work. Not all the phones were working then. I was told World Trade Building #1 had a cell phone tower, and it was damaged. There were lots of phone booths, but they had lines from 8 to 20 people waiting in line.

People were crying, pointing at the burning building, saying I have family in there! It looked impossible to get out from the upper 20 to 30 floors above the fire. Some people were running into each other's arms when they saw someone got out that they knew, saying "Thank God, you're safe!"

Finally, I kept going uptown. At Canal Street, about 15 blocks away, I got on the Underground Train for uptown. We went to 14th Street. Then all the people had to get out; all train service was stopped. It was about 10:30. I started walking again...

Finally, I got on the city bus. I was on there about one and one half hours, but I did not get far. After a while, I decided to get off and walk....

At about 3:30, I got to the market where my wife was; they were just about to leave when they saw me coming. I got the feeling my wife was glad to see me. We started home at 4:00 and got home with no other problems.

It was a heart-rending experience! 



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